## Carson National Forest

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## CARSON NATIONAL FOREST TO REMAIN AT STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

**Taos, New Mexico, June 2, 2006** – Fire Management Officers for the Carson National Forest are closely monitoring conditions on the forest and hope to avoid the need to impose Stage III Fire Restrictions. Stage III Fire Restrictions impose closure of specific Forest areas. "Although we have met several of the thresholds that indicate we are at or near Stage III levels, we would like to postpone the decision to advance to Stage III in hopes that predicted moisture will allow the forest to remain at Stage II", said Duane Archuleta, Fire Management Staff Officer.

The Carson would like to thank the community for their cooperation and vigilance during Memorial Day Weekend which went by without any major incidents. The community support was crucial to the success of this event and with this continued support, Fire Managers feel that the necessity to advance to Stage III can be delayed and hopefully avoided.

When planning a trip to your National Forest, KNOW BEFORE YOU GO, and take fire restrictions seriously. For current fire restriction information, please call 1-877-864-6985 or visit our website at <a href="https://www.fs.fed.us/r3/carson">www.fs.fed.us/r3/carson</a>. For fire restrictions and other fire information for all recreation sites in New Mexico, log on to <a href="https://www.nmfireinfo.com">www.nmfireinfo.com</a>.

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